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PACIFIC REGION CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO -- The USDA-NASS, Pacific Regional Office today released the crop production forecast for November. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of October and the first week of November, included the following commodities:

Corn - Corn for grain harvested acreage of 65 thousand is down 32 percent from last year, and the yield forecast of 5.32 tons per acre is up 15 percent from the previous year. Production is expected to total 346 thousand tons, down 21 percent from last year.

Cotton - <u>Upland</u> cotton harvested acreage is at 46.0 thousand, which is down 18 percent from 2014. Yield is up 3 percent from October's forecast, but down 6 percent from last year. The production forecast is at 165 thousand bales, down 23 percent from last year. <u>Pima</u> cotton harvested acreage is at 114 thousand acres and down 26 percent from last year. Yield is unchanged from the October's forecast, but down 4 percent from last year. Production forecast is at 356 thousand bales, down 29 percent from last year.

Rice – All rice harvested acreage in California is at 411 thousand acres, down 5 percent from last year. The yield forecast is 8,600 pounds per acre and is up from 8,000 pounds in October and from 8,580 last year. All rice production forecast is at 35.3 million cwt. for 2015, down 4 percent from the previous year. Expected yields are down from last year in all States except California. If realized, a record high yield is expected in California.

Sugar Beets - Harvested acreage is estimated at 25.0 thousand and the yield forecast is 44.2 tons per acre. California sugar beet production forecast is at 1.11 million tons, up 10 percent from the 2014 crop.

Potatoes – Fall potato harvested acreage in California is estimated at 8.0 thousand and the yield forecast is 465 cwt. per acre. Production forecast is at 3.72 million cwt., down 5 percent from a year ago.

Sugarcane – Hawaii sugarcane harvested acreage of 18.7 thousand is up 3 percent from the previous year and the yield forecast is 78.4 tons per acre. Production forecast is at 1.47 million tons, up 12 percent from the 2014 crop.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Late summer and fall harvests may change these estimates considerably. The next production forecast will be issued December 9, 2015.

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